



2011-13 A.A.S. Nursing Program Transfer/Readmit Policy

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Deadlines to submit application for 2011-13 are as follows:

Fall 2011: February 15, 2011
Winter and spring 2012: November 4, 2011

Application Fee (Non-refundable): \$50 Due at time of application

If a student leaves the Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) nursing program before successful completion, readmission to the program is not guaranteed. The opportunity to request readmission to this program is only valid within one year from the point at which the student exited the program and **is subject to revocation by the nursing faculty depending on the circumstances of attrition; decisions made by the faculty are final.** If a student is dismissed from the program because of serious breaches of patient safety or professionalism, the student will not have the option of re-entry to the program.

BMCC students seeking readmission that failed or withdrew from the program one time **may** be considered with all other applicants for readmission. No preference is given to these applicants. Students must be in good financial standing with BMCC at the time of application. Consideration for readmission will be based on criteria outlined in the Appendix.

READMISSION

Readmission status is defined as former BMCC nursing program students who have been granted re-entry into the BMCC nursing program. Students have only ONE opportunity for readmission into the nursing program. The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) requires classroom (theory) and clinical content to be concurrent, and any student returning to the program at any point must repeat all nursing courses within the term of re-entry. These applicants, if accepted, will have appropriate placement in the nursing program as determined by the nursing faculty. Standardized placement tests, challenge exams, a clinical skills competency review or other assignments may be required to determine readmission status and/or appropriate placement in the nursing program as determined by nursing faculty.

In addition to meeting BMCC's 2011-13 program admission application requirements for all entering students, applicants must include and attach the following with their application:

- A written letter requesting to be readmitted that specifies the reason for readmission and the student's specific plan to successfully complete the nursing program.

All requests must be completed by the deadline dates listed above.

The applicant must be fingerprinted and have a criminal background check done by the Oregon State Police (OSP) prior to final admission into the program. Criminal background checks must be considered "approved" by OSP based on BMCC's List of Disqualifying Offenses. The cost of this test is the applicant's responsibility.

Students requesting readmission to the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education program should understand that although co-admitted to the Oregon Health Sciences University School of Nursing, those who choose to transition from the Blue Mountain Community College Nursing Program to OHSU will have to undergo a Criminal Background Check for OHSU at the time of transition and ability to enroll in OHSU courses may be negatively impacted by any criminal history in their background.

If the student is readmitted into the nursing program, BMCC's Admissions Office will provide the student with a Readmission Agreement Letter. The Readmission Agreement Letter may include academic and/or clinical practice requirements, medical releases for safe practice, or other requirements specific to the involved student. This could mean that students would need to take or retake classes, sections of classes, lab, sections of labs, clinical, or sections of clinical as specified for readmission and success in the nursing program.

TRANSFER

Transfer applicants are defined as those in good academic standing applying for admission into BMCC's nursing program from another Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education institution at any point beyond the first term of the program (NRS 110 or its equivalent). BMCC does not accept coursework from institutions that are not regionally accredited. All transfer applicants must meet all other admission requirements of the BMCC nursing program to include all prerequisite course requirements.

In addition to meeting BMCC's program admission application requirements for all entering students, applicants must include and attach the following items with their application:

1. An official transcript evaluation done by BMCC's Records Office.
2. A recent (within 1 year) letter of good academic standing from the Nursing Program Director.
3. A written letter requesting transfer placement to the nursing program. All requests must be completed and received by deadline dates listed above.

The applicant must be fingerprinted and have a criminal background check done by the Oregon State Police (OSP) prior to final admission into the program. Criminal background checks must be considered "approved" by OSP based on BMCC's List of Disqualifying Offenses. The cost of this test is the applicant's responsibility.

Students should understand that although co-admitted to the Oregon Health Sciences University School of Nursing, those who choose to transition from the Blue Mountain Community College Nursing Program to OHSU will have to undergo a Criminal Background Check for OHSU at the time of transition and their ability to enroll in OHSU courses may be negatively impacted by any criminal history in their background.

Should classroom and clinical resources become available, BMCC's Admissions office will use the criteria outlined in the Appendix for prioritization to process the requests for transfer or readmission to the BMCC Nursing Program.

Once the applicant's admission status has been established, the Nursing Department will determine the appropriate point of entry into the program.

Criteria for Prioritization of Requests for Readmission or Transfer

When considering any request/application for readmission or transfer into the BMCC Nursing Program, BMCC's Admissions Office will prioritize the request for entry into the available spaces based on the following criteria.

Applicants for readmission or transfer into the BMCC Nursing Program will be prioritized (in descending order) in the following three categories for available positions.

1. Top priority will be given to those students who left the BMCC Nursing Program in good academic standing. Good academic standing is defined as transcript evidence showing a grade of C or higher for all coursework prior to the student exiting the nursing program. If a student is dismissed from the program because of serious breaches of patient safety or professionalism, the student will not have the option of re-entry to BMCC's Nursing Program. Students must be in good financial standing with BMCC at the time of application.

Priority within this category will be based on grade point average in the completed nursing classes through the terms prior to the term they exited the nursing program. If needed, a tiebreaker would be the cumulative GPA for all nursing program prerequisite and nursing courses combined.

2. Second priority will be given to students who failed a BMCC nursing course during the 2010-2011 academic year. A student who failed any nursing course more than once will not be considered for readmission to the program. If a student is dismissed from the program because of serious breaches of patient safety or professionalism, the student will not have the option of re-entry to BMCC's Nursing Program.

Priority within this category will be based on grade point average in the completed nursing classes through the terms prior to the term they exited the nursing program. If needed, a tiebreaker would be the cumulative GPA for all nursing program courses (general education and nursing).

Applicants, if accepted, will have to meet any criteria set forth in a letter of dismissal/Individual Improvement Plan (IIP) and/or Readmission Agreement Letter, and must retake all nursing courses that were not passed with a grade of "C" or better within the term they exited the program.

3. Transfer students who left an OCNE nursing program in good academic standing within the 2010-2011 academic year. Good academic standing is defined as transcript evidence showing a grade of "C" or better for all coursework prior to the student exiting the nursing program. If a student was dismissed from the program because of serious breaches of patient safety or professionalism, the student will not have the option of entry to the program.

Priority within this category will be based on grade point average in the nursing classes, pre-nursing classes, and on the number of nursing courses completed and accepted towards BMCC's program requirements. If needed, a tiebreaker would be the cumulative GPA for all nursing program courses (general education and nursing).

It is the policy of the Blue Mountain Community College Board of Education and School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment on the grounds of race, color, sex, marital status, religion, national origin, age or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment. Persons having questions about equal opportunity and nondiscrimination should contact the Executive Assistant to the President at 103 Pioneer Hall, Phone 541-278-5951 or TDD 541-278-2174.